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Scribner Reacts to Auditor's Report on Operator Retraining Program



*Ranking Member of Transportation Committee
Sees Areas for Improvement*

HARTFORD - State Representative David Scribner (R-Brookfield) today reacted to a recent report from Steve Eckels, Deputy State Auditor, on the Operator Retraining Program. The program, which gives remedial training to licensed motor vehicle operators after they are convicted of a certain number and type of moving violations. It is administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The report noted that there is little information available on how the vendor selection process is managed and arrives at the two schools that are currently used to operate the program. The state public sector procurement process calls for an open bid process that ensures competition between vendors for goods and services that exceed \$1 million per year. It was also noted that the procurement procedure used by the DMV failed to permit the ability to set the fee for the program, currently set at \$60, at an amount smaller than the capped amount.

The vendor contracting practice was also criticized in the report, observing that the method used to engage the vendors for their services was not necessarily done in a fashion that observes sound business practice, and “overlooked” some statutory provisions.

“This report does a great deal to expose some serious problems with the administration of the Operator Retraining Program,” said Representative Scribner. “The Driver Services unit, which is charged by the DMV to oversee this program, is hardly doing an adequate job in most respects. The statutes concerning competitive bidding and the awarding of contracts must be adhered to, and we must find meaningful ways to make this program function more effectively.”